Ultra mega power project

†2874. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nine mega power generation projects are under construction during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if not, the actual number and the names thereof;

(c) whether there is any target to begin the power generation in these projects during the Plan; .

(d) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(e) the extent of power expected to be generated from these projects till the year 2012?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Power had launched an initiative for the development of coal based Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs), each of about 4000 MW capacity. These projects are being developed on a Build, Own and Operate basis, and the project developer is selected through a tariff based competitive bidding process initiated/ to be initiated by project specific shell companies formed as wholly owned subsidiaries of Power Finance Corporation, the identified nodal agency for this initiative.

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in consultation with the States had identified the following nine locations for setting up of UMPPs:

(i) Sasan in Madhya Pradesh;

(ii) Mundra in Gujarat;

(iii) Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(iv) Akaltara in Chhattisgarh;

(v) Tadri in Karnataka;

(vi) Girye in Maharashtra;

(vii) Cheyyur in Tamil Nadu;

(viii) Sundergarh District in Orissa; and

(ix) Tilaiya in Jharkhand.

Out of the above, the bidding process has been completed in respect of the UMPPs in Mundra and Sasan. In respect of the UMPP in Mundra, the Special Purpose Vehicle, that Coastal Gujarat Power Ltd. (CGPL) which was transferred to the developer had recently informed that the contracts have been entered into for supply of boiler and steam turbine generator packages.

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Construction work of the other UMPPs can begin only after completion of the process for identification of the project developer, and the handing over of the Special Purpose Vehicle to the identified project developer.

(c) to (e) M/s Tata Power Company Ltd., the identified project developer for the UMPP in Mundra has indicated, in the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), that the first of the five units of 800 MW each will be commissioned by August, 2012; however, the project developer has an option under the PPA to advance the commissioning schedule.

Power purchase agreement of RGPPL

2875. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Directors of Ratnagiri Gas and Power Pvt. Ltd. (RGPPL) which possess the Ratnagiri project, previously Dabhol project since October, 2005, has not taken the decision on the power purchase agreement with the Maharashtra State Power Distribution Company Ltd. (Maha Vitaran);

(b) whether Maharashtra Government has made it clear that they would not agree to the proposed changes, as it goes against the provisions of common-term loan agreement;

(c) whether any final agreement in this regard has been reached; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited (RGPPL) has signed Power Purchased Agreement (PPA) with Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) on 10.04.2007 for supply of power from its power project at Dabhol after discussions amongst the stakeholders.

(b) Government of Maharashtra (GoM) have informed that no proposal has been received by GoM seeking its approval to the changes in the PPA.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Power requirement in Tamil Nadu

2876. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated the requirement of power in Tamil Nadu during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the estimates of power requirement in the State by the end of the Plan;

(c) whether a shortfall is expected in power availability in the State by the end of the Plan;

(d) the steps Government are taking to assist the State in generating more power during the Plan; and

(e) the details of assistance proposed for the State?